

**In The Specification:**

On page 1, lines 12-18, please amend the section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, by replacing it entirely with the following paragraph.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application generally relates to the teachings of U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,415,312 ~~09/240,546~~, entitled "Reliable Multicast For Small Groups" filed on January 29, 1999, and of U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,502,140 ~~09/240,549~~, entitled "Multicast Support For Small Groups", filed on January 29, 1999, and of U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,625,773 ~~09/329,101~~, entitled "System For Multicast Communications In Packet Switched Networks" filed on June 9, 1999, which are all assigned to the same assignee as this application and the collective teachings of which are herein incorporated by reference.

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